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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (Previously presented): Apparatus for stimulating healing of wounds which comprises an envelope for receiving an affected part of the body, said envelope including a substantially air-tight cover and porous pad within the cover, said pad being adapted to contact the wound surface, and connection means for connecting the interior of the envelope to a source of negative pressure, wherein said envelope is a glove, sock or sleeve.

Claim 3 (original): Apparatus as claimed in claim 2 which is intended for treating wounds to the hand and comprises a glove formed from a flexible plastics or rubber foam and an external cover of air-impermeable sheet material.

Claim 4 (original): Apparatus as claimed in claim 3 wherein the connection means comprises a tube which communicates with the foam within the cover.

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Claim 5 (Previously presented): Apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the cover has a re-sealable opening which permits the wound to be inspected at intervals.

Claim 6 (Previously presented): Apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the source of negative pressure is a suction pump.

Claim 7 (Previously presented): Apparatus as claimed in claim 2, which includes a canister for collecting wound exudate.